



August 26, 2013

Mr. Michael Morisy
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Tracking Number: 13-FOI-00071

Dear Mr. Morisy:

Your revised March 27, 2013 request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was received via e-mail by Amtrak's FOIA Office on the same date.

Your request seeks a copy of contracts between Amtrak and Booz Hamilton, which are listed below:

1. Project Management Support for Police & Security Projects
2. Policy and Development Support
3. Engineering Support for Long Distance Single Level Cars
4. Perform Technology Assessments

Pursuant to Amtrak's FOIA regulations 49 CFR 701.9, the FOIA Office contacted Booz Allen Hamilton to determine whether there were objections to disclosure of the records sought in your request. We have completed that process and are releasing in part the above-referenced records except for item number 4, the contract to Perform Technology Assessments. Amtrak conducted an extensive detailed search and was not able to locate a copy of the contract. However, we have enclosed a copy of the Task Order, which we are also disclosing in part. If a copy of the contract is located, it will be processed and a response will be sent to you under separate cover.

Booz Allen has informed Amtrak that the above-referenced contracts include commercially sensitive pricing schedules (rates and hours), and information determined be confidential, such as Booz Allen's Technical Proposal. Booz Allen has advised Amtrak that this information is considered privileged and not normally released to the public. Releasing such information would cause substantial competitive harm because it would give competitors Booz Allen's pricing strategy that could be used to calculate the contract rates and use such information, to Booz Allen's detriment. This information has therefore been redacted from the enclosed records pursuant to exemption 4 of the FOIA, which protects commercially sensitive information, the disclosure of which can do competitive harm to the submitter of information.

The names and other personal identifying information of Booz Allen and Amtrak employees are being withheld pursuant to exemption 6 of the FOIA on the basis that disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of these individuals.

Redactions have been noted throughout.

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Pursuant to Amtrak's FOIA regulations (49 CFR 701.10), if you wish to appeal Amtrak's decision to withhold the above-referenced information, you may file an appeal with Eleanor D. Acheson, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, within thirty days of the date of this letter, specifying the relevant facts and the basis for your appeal. Your appeal may be sent to Ms. Acheson at the above address. The President and CEO of Amtrak have delegated authority to the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the rules and compliance to the FOIA.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact me at (202) 906-3741 or via e-mail at Hawkins@amtrak.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharron Hawkins", written over a horizontal line.

Sharron Hawkins
FOIA Officer

Enclosures

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